

Lesson Classification: UNCLASSIFIED

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Title: LIBERTY PATROL

Operation/Exercise Name: BALTIC CHALLENGE 97      Observed: 20 Jul 1997

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5. (U) OBSERVATION:  
None.

6. (U) DISCUSSION:  
Jurisdictional issues between civilians and exercise participants required the formation of a combined liberty patrol. USMC Military Police (MP), Estonian MPs and security, and civilian police were intergated at all operational levels. Existing host nation infrastructure provided for superior command and control, i.e., communication, and vehicles. The combined team was able to effectively handle a wide spectrum of law and order issues.

7. (U) LESSON LEARNED:  
This system worked very well. Coordination is the key. The language barrier was a small problem, but the host nation was able to provide interpreters where required. On a professional level, this presented an excellent opportunity to exchange policing strategies.

8. (U) RECOMMENDED ACTION:  
Maximize host nation/US force force protection efforts.

9. (U) COMMENTS:  
None.

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